

COUNTY OF PLACER Community Development/Resource Agency

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HEARING DATE: June 24, 2010

ITEM NO.: 1

TIME: 10:05 am

TO:

Placer County Planning Commission

FROM:

Rebecca Taber, Engineering and Surveying

DATE:

June 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Staff-Initiated Name Change of a Public Roadway

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Tahoe Vista Community Plan

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: Special Area #5 (Public Service/Industrial Area)

STAFF: Rebecca Taber, Senior Civil Engineer

LOCATION: Gun Club Road and a portion of North Avenue are located in the Tahoe Vista area at the northern terminus of National Avenue.

APPLICANT: Placer County

PROPOSAL: Staff proposes to rename "Gun Club Road" and the portion of "North Avenue" north of National Avenue, to "National Avenue." Pursuant to Placer County's Road Naming Policy, Resolution No. 86-125, the Planning Commission is required to provide its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for the renaming of public roads.

CEQA COMPLIANCE: The proposal is not a "project" as such is defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to environmental review.

PUBLIC NOTICES AND REFERRAL FOR COMMENTS: Staff consulted with the emergency response (911 dispatch), Placer County Department of Public Works, and the North Tahoe Fire Protection District. Property owners with situs addresses along Gun Club Road and North Avenue were noticed by mail of the County's intent to initiate this road name change. This proposed road name change was heard by the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council on May 13, 2010 and the Council took action to unanimously recommend approval to the Placer County Planning Commission. More than ten days prior to the Planning Commission hearing date, notices were posted at intersections of Toyon Road and National Avenue/Gun Club Road, Grey Lane and Gun Club Road, and at the end of Gun Club Road. Letters were also sent to the property owners with situs addresses along Gun Club Road and National Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This is a staff-initiated proposed road name change of an existing public road that currently has three names along its continuous alignment. Staff recommends that the road names, "Gun Club Road," and "North Avenue," be renamed to "National Avenue," to match the name of the existing southern portion and to come into compliance with current County road naming policy. If approved, the length of the road named National Avenue would increase from 0.23 miles to approximately 0.45 miles. New road signs will be placed as appropriate by the Department of Public Works.

BACKGROUND: The Addressing Division of the Engineering and Surveying Department received a request from Sierra Pacific Power Company to change its situs address from 7001 North Avenue to 701 National Avenue in order to resolve an ongoing problem with emergency 911 call routing. North Avenue exists to the east in a residential area, however, it does not connect to National Avenue, as depicted on the County Assessor Maps. An address off of North Avenue can be confusing for emergency response (911 dispatch) and the North Tahoe Fire Protection District, as well as delivery service, customers, and visitors. County staff confirmed with North Tahoe Fire Protection District and 911 dispatch emergency response personnel that they are in agreement with the proposed road name changes. In April 2010, the Addressing Division balloted affected property owners to provide a choice of a road name change or keeping the current road name(s). Out of 12 potential responses, 10 were in favor of the proposed road name changes and 2 (both parcels under the same ownership) chose to keep the existing road name of Gun Club Road.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors approval of the proposal to rename "Gun Club Road" and the portion of "North Avenue" north of National Avenue, to "National Avenue," as shown in the attached Exhibit A.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rebecca Taber, Senior Civil Engineer

ATTACHMENT:

Exhibit A - National Avenue / Gun Club Road Addressing Map

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